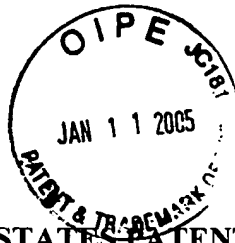


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Dear Sir:

20 In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004 ("Office Action"), the following is provided:

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RESTRICTION ELECTION

By this paper, Applicant elects without traverse the invention of Group I (Claims 1-11,
5 19-32, 43, 53-58, and 60-65) drawn to a saddle pad, per Par. 1, Page 2 of the Office Action.
Applicant herein cancels the remaining non-elected claims without prejudice. Applicant submits
that all claims presented herein for examination read on the elected (Group I) invention.